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Washington News.

(By a Special Correspondent.)

Senator Aldrich's announcement that he will not be a candidate for re-election is being regarded with increasing suspicion here in Washington as a manifest political trick.

It is doubtful if a single one of the genuine progressive republicans really believe that the Rhode Island boss intends to relinquish his control of legislation a moment sooner than he has to. Even a few "regulars" have privately expressed the belief that Aldrich might consent to a re-election, basing this conclusion upon what they characterized as the "enormous pressure" which will no doubt be brought to bear upon Aldrich to cause him to change his mind.

Because of his record of underhandedness and trickery in dealing with the senate and the public, everything Senator Aldrich does or says should be carefully analyzed before accepted on its face value.

Aldrich does not say anywhere that he will not accept a re-election. He says he will not be a "candidate." It would be no surprise to senators who know Aldrich if the words, "I am not a candidate for re-election," should turn out after the fall congressional elections to have been but another of his famous "jokers," with which the Payne-Aldrich tariff law is overloaded.

The corporation interests served by Aldrich can best maintain the excessive tariff rates, which give them monopolies on American markets and make it possible for them to collect enormous profits from consumers, through a republican administration. Therefore, it is but natural that Aldrich's primary object at this time is to keep the republicans in power.

What move on Aldrich's part could relieve the republicans of so heavy a responsibility in the approaching congressional election as the announcement of his retirement? Realizing that his long representation of "big business" has earned for him the enmity of the American people, and that his

name is to be one of the main issues in the fall campaign, it is but giving due credit to Aldrich's resourcefulness to assume that he figured it out he could not serve the special interests better at this time than to announce his retirement, if such announcement would help the republican party over dangerous shoals.

Aldrich is taking no chances in announcing that he will not again be a candidate. He can change his mind easily, or he can have re-election "forced" upon him. Should the next house be democratic, however, Aldrich might not care to come back to the senate, for it would then be obvious that he could put through none of his own peculiar style of legislation.

Our Lincoln Letter.

(Special Correspondence.)

Peter Sturdevant of Furnas county has announced himself as a candidate for state treasurer on the democratic ticket. Mr. Sturdevant bears the distinction of being the only democrat ever elected to the office of state treasurer. Every state treasurer with the exception of Mr. Sturdevant and J. B. Meserve, populist, has been a republican. Mr. Sturdevant was elected in 1884, defeating Loran Clark of Boone county, The Omaha Bee bolted Clark's nomination and succeeded in defeating him. No one has ever been able to explain why the older Rosewater refused to support Clark, and the cause of the "bolt" must forever remain a mystery.

Ex-Congressman Pollard, after reading the returns of the special congressional election in the Rochester, N. Y., district, immediately reached the conclusion that his private business was such as to prevent him from seeking the congressional nomination in the First Nebraska district. Those same election returns, too, seem to have taken the "snap" out of several other near-aspirants for the republican nomination. Will Hayward of Nebraska City, and Geo. Tobey of Lincoln, are the only avowed candidates in the race. Hayward, who is secretary of the republican national committee, pretends to be anti-Cannon, but a great many people fear that his intimate relations with the "big wigs" of the g. o. p. have influenced him the wrong way. Tobey is anti-Cannon, and is

seemingly counting on county option support rather than upon any political policy he may espouse other than anti-Cannonism.

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Democrats are naturally jubilant over the returns from the special election in the Thirty-second New York congressional district. In 1908 that district, in which Rochester, a great manufacturing city, is located, elected a republican by a plurality of 9,000. Last week a democrat was elected at the special election by a plurality of over 5,000. Coming so soon after Foss' remarkable victory in Massachusetts, it is clear proof that the people are in open rebellion against the corrupt political machine that is in absolute control of the republican organization. The city of Rochester is the largest clothing manufacturing center in the United States. The wool schedule seriously cripples that industry, and Rochester went democratic by a plurality of over 5,000. The democratic candidate carried every town in the district, which comprises but one county. The New York election has already had the effect of causing a lot of republican aspirants for nomination in Nebraska to pause and consider. It does not look like a republican year, here or anywhere.

SCHOOL NOTES

The fourth grade are making very nice bird books.

Leroy Brosius of the 7th grade is out of town for a short visit.

Cletus Haley has been absent a few days with a sprained hand.

The fifth grade are doing good work on their picture study books.

Frank Wilson of the 8th grade has been on the absent list for a few days.

The flowers in the third room add greatly to the attractiveness of the room.

The children of the fourth and fifth grades are making pretty may baskets.

Some of the third room pupils are busy preparing for their part in the open program.

The 8th grade gave a very pleasant class party last Friday. They were entertained at Carlson's farm about two miles south of town. The moonlight ride on a hayrack, the games and sumptuous refreshments were much enjoyed by all.

The Valentine-O'Neill debate was won by Valentine. The decision was contested by O'Neill and carried to the supreme court, so to speak,—to the state executive committee, consisting of one member from each of the eleven districts. This committee decided that Valentine won, and Marie Christensen, who was marked the highest by the judges, has been selected to represent this district at Lincoln May 6, when the state championship contest takes place. The winning school gets a silver trophy.

On the 23rd, the last teachers' association of the school year was held. Very interesting papers were read. Those deserving special mention were "Modern Religious Painters" by Miss Kathleen McLaughlin; Miss Jennie Bennett's paper on the Panama Canal, read by Supt. Kendall of the Gordon schools, and Mr. Mahan's paper on the Colony of my people in Cherry county, read by Supt. Story. Supt. Kendall spoke very interestingly on the lock system of canals. F. Kemp Heath of Cody encouraged the teachers in their high calling. The series of meetings held this year have proven very interesting and helpful, not the least part being the study of the reading circle books.

The inter-high school debate between Valentine and Gordon took place last Saturday evening in the hall. The question debated was: "Resolved that labor unions are on the whole beneficial." The affirmative maintained by Gordon

was held by Helen Jacobson, Hazel Reynolds and Ross Rash. The negative was maintained by Valentine and was ably argued by Lawrence Rice, Helen Sparks and Edward Cohota. The decision of the judges was in favor of the affirmative, and the debate was interesting and well maintained. The hall was beautifully decorated in blue and gold, the Gordon colors, and red and white the Valentine colors. Music was furnished by the high school orchestra and glee club and the program was enlivened by high school yells. Although Valentine did not have the honor of winning, yet the debaters are complimented not only for their excellent delivery and intelligent discussion but also for the spirit in which they received the decision.

Simeon Items.

P. H. Young has his new barn almost completed. This is one of the most substantial and convenient buildings in the county.

George Christopher is hauling material for a large barn to be erected soon. His herd of white-faces show good stockmanship and will grow better under his management.

A new school house is in course of construction in district No. 72. The location is north of Mr. Daniels' grove and will be one of the leading schools of the county in time to come.

J. W. Daniels is doing his part to keep the improvement ball rolling. Before haying he expects to build a concrete residence 30x30 just east of his splendid grove. His friends rejoice to see this evidence of prosperity and feel that none are more deserving than he and Mrs. Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have their home neatly kalsomined and otherwise made very attractive. This is one of the neatest and most profitable ranches in Cherry county. Mrs. Hudson did not lose interest in her county when her salary stopped, but keeps in touch with all public topics.

Messrs. Lord and Thackrey spent a pleasant day fishing on Trout lake recently. They say they caught eight very large bass which they put in a sack and hung over the side of the boat while they angled for more. When they returned at night they discovered their large fish had all escaped and we must stake their word for the size of the catch.

The Maple Lawn Literary society wish to announce that they will give the drama, "Out of the Shadow," on Saturday evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of C. S. Reece. The play is given for the benefit of the school district. Admission 25c. After the play ice cream and cake will be served at 10c. The room is 28x28 and will accommodate all who will likely attend.

Baseball News.

Valentine won one game and lost one with Brown's Tennessee Rats. Monday, the first game was won by the "Rats" 20 to 14.

Score by innings:
"Rats" . . . 0 3 6 2 1 1 3 4—20
Valentine . . 0 2 4 0 7 0 0 0—14
Batteries: Valentine—Grimes and Fischer; Rats—Brooks, Jackson and Wilson. Umpire, Brown.

The second game Tuesday found our local team in better shape and they defeated the rats 10 to 5.

Score by innings:
Rats 0 0 1 0 4 0 0 0—5
Valentine . . 0 0 1 2 3 3 1 0—10
Batteries: Valentine—DeSilva and Fischer; Rats—Brooks and Bell. Umpire, Grimes.
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